

Disability Status* by Year, Maine, 2008-2010

Year	Single Year Estimated n	%	90% Margin of Error
2008	206,563	15.9%	±0.5
2009	209,772	16.1%	±0.5
2010	198,362	15.1%	±0.5

Data Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey. Data query from the American FactFinder: Table S1810 (http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/wc_acs.xhtml, accessed 3/26/12).

* Among the noninstitutionalized civilian population. The survey includes questions about six types of difficulty: hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, self-care, and independent living. "Disability status is determined from the answers from these six types of difficulty. For children under 5 years old, hearing and vision difficulty are used to determine disability status. For children between the ages of 5 and 14, disability status is determined from hearing, vision, cognitive, ambulatory, and self-care difficulties. For people aged 15 years and older, they are considered to have a disability if they have difficulty with any one of the six difficulty types." (Source: American Community Survey and Puerto Rico Community Survey 2010 Subject Definitions, http://www.census.gov/acs/www/Downloads/data_documentation/SubjectDefinitions/2010_ACSSubjectDefinitions.pdf, accessed 3/29/12)

All percentages are weighted to be more representative of the population of Maine and to adjust for non-response.

Note: New disability questions were introduced in the 2008 American Community Survey; comparisons of 2008 or later disability data with data from before 2008 are not recommended. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2008-2010 American Community Survey [(http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/wc_acs.xhtml, accessed 3/23/12)])